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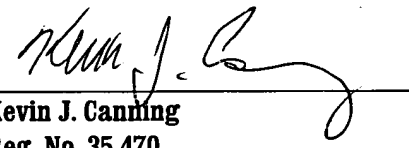
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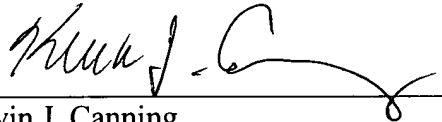
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In addition, Applicants' attorney is enclosing a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) based on non-small entity status.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0080.

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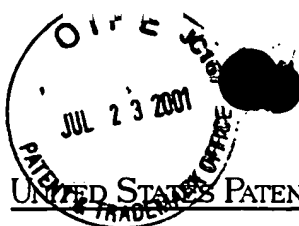
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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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